

for the Global War on Terror and the consequences of Hurricane Katrina. This additional amount is offset by a \$1.9 billion reduction in the amount requested on February 16th for the Department of Defense.

The revised request for the Department of Homeland Security will support my Administration's commitment to gain full control of the borders through the deployment of additional Border Patrol agents, infrastructure, and technology (such as hundreds of miles of new roads, vehicle barriers, tactical communications, and aerial surveillance).

The request for additional resources, coupled with additional legal authority from the Congress, will end the practice of catch and release along our southern border once and for all by increasing detention, transportation, and removal capabilities.

The revised request for the Department of Defense will support the deployment, in coordination with the Governors, of up to 6,000 National Guard members to the southern border. There, they will assist the Border Patrol by operating surveillance systems, building infrastructure, analyzing intelligence, and providing training until new Border Patrol agents and technologies come online. The request increases funding for training and other assistance for State and local authorities to support the Border Patrol on targeted enforcement missions. The request for the Department of Justice will provide additional resources for the prosecution and adjudication of illegal immigration cases.

I designate these proposals in the amounts requested herein as an emergency requirement. I urge the Congress to act expeditiously to address the security needs along the Nation's borders.

The details of these requests are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Acting Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

#### **May 13**

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### **May 14**

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

In the evening, at the residence of Australia's Ambassador to the U.S. Dennis Richardson, the President and Mrs. Bush had dinner with Prime Minister John Howard of Australia and his wife, Janette.

#### **May 15**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing followed by a National Security Council meeting on Iraq. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with recipients of the 2006 MATHCOUNTS National Competition Award.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from newly appointed Ambassadors to the United States.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel to the White House on May 23.

#### **May 16**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist.

In the evening, in the State Dining Room, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a state dinner for Prime Minister John Howard of Australia and his wife, Janette, followed by entertainment in the East Room.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Ray Correll to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to nominate John H. Hill to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate R. Hunter Biden and Donna R. McLean to be members of the Amtrak Reform Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Norman Y. Mineta as a member of the Amtrak Reform Board.

### **May 17**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in a photo opportunity with the Texas A&M Singing Cadets.

The President declared a major disaster in Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, tidal surge, landslides, and mudslides from January 27 to February 4.

### **May 18**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Yuma, AZ, where, upon arrival, he toured the Yuma Sector of the U.S.-Mexico border.

In the afternoon, at the Yuma Sector Border Patrol Headquarters, the President participated in a briefing on border security. Later, the President participated in brief interviews with television networks.

Later in the afternoon, at the Yuma Marine Corps Air Station, the President greeted U.S. military personnel. Later, he returned to Washington, DC, arriving in the evening.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kathleen L. Casey to be a Commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Donald L. Kohn to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The President announced his intention to appoint Carl E. Schneider as a member of the President's Council on Bioethics.

The President announced his intention to appoint Alan Austerman as a U.S. Commissioner on the U.S. Section of the North Pa-

cific Anadromous Fish Commission (Alaska State Representative).

The President announced his intention to appoint Gary Thomas Smith as a U.S. Commissioner on the U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (Washington State Representative).

The President announced his intention to appoint Joseph Albert Cirillo, Elizabeth Ann Stewart, and John Charles Wyvill as members of the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Access Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Committee on the Arts at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Brittain Bardes Cudlip; Jody Dow; Fred Wiehl Lazenby; Robert D. Leebern, Jr.; Carole J. McNeil; Robert Frank Pence; Larry Ruvo; Mark S. Siegel; Stephanie Spencer Tellefsen; David Carl Weinstein; Nancy R. Williams; and Ilene Zarkin-Butler.

The President announced his intention to designate LaSalle Doheny Leffall, Jr., as Chairman of the President's Cancer Panel.

### **May 19**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Saud al-Faysal bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia. He then traveled to Virginia Beach, VA.

In the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Thelma Drake for Congress reception. Later, he traveled to Highland Heights, KY, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer David Trinh. He then traveled to Florence, KY.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Malik M. Hasan as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Arts at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President announced his intention to designate Steven D. Aitken as Acting Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget.

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## Nominations Submitted to the Senate

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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### ***Submitted May 16***

Francisco Augusto Besosa,  
of Puerto Rico, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, vice Juan M. Perez-Gimenez, retired.

R. Hunter Biden,  
of Delaware, to be a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of 5 years, vice Michael S. Dukakis, term expired.

John Ray Correll,  
of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, vice Jeffrey D. Jarrett.

John H. Hill,  
of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, vice Annette Sandberg, resigned.

Donna R. McLean,  
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of 5 years, vice John Robert Smith, term expired.

### ***Submitted May 18***

Kathleen L. Casey,  
of Virginia, to be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2011, vice Cynthia A. Glassman, resigned.

Donald L. Kohn,  
of Virginia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of 4 years, vice Roger Walton Ferguson, resigned.

Martin J. Jackley,  
of South Dakota, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota for the term of 4 years, vice Steven Kent Mullins.

Kimberly Ann Moore,  
of Virginia, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, vice Raymond C. Clevenger, III, retired.

Bobby E. Shepherd,  
of Arkansas, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, vice Morris S. Arnold, retiring.

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## Checklist of White House Press Releases

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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### ***Released May 15***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow, Counselor to the President Dan Bartlett, Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Frances Fragos Townsend, and Assistant to the President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy Joel Kaplan on the President's Speech on Immigration

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit by Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel

Fact sheet: Overview: Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Excerpts of the President's Address to the Nation on Immigration

Advance text of the President's Address to the Nation on Immigration

### ***Released May 16***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Tony Snow

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff, Border Patrol Chief David V. Aguilar, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Assistant Secretary Julie L. Myers, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense Paul F. McHale, and Chief of the National Guard Bureau Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum on the President's Immigration Reform Plan